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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT SECURITY

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1. EMB OFF DISCUSSED USG CONCERNS REGARDING INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT SECURITY ALONG LINES PARA 2 REFTEL WITH PERU'S DIRECTOR GENERAL OF AIR TRANSPORTATION COLONEL CESAR OLIVERA. OLIVERA SAID GOP SHARED U.S. CONCERN AND THAT RESPONSIBLE AGENCIES WERE REVIEWING PERUVIAN SECURITY PROGRAM.

2. REGARDING EXISTING SECURITY PROCEDURES, POLICIA DE INVESTIGACIONES DEL PERU (PIP) ON JULY 15, 1976, IMPLEMENTED PASSENGER SCREENING AT JORGE CHAVEZ INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AT LIMA. ALL PASSENGERS AND ALL PROPERTY INTENDED TO BE CARRIED IN AIRCRAFT CABIN ARE SCREENED BY WEAPON-DETECTING PROCEDURES PRIOR TO BOARDING. PROCEDURES, WHICH INSTITUTED WITH ASSISTANCE OF LOCAL U.S. FAA REP, MEET REQUIREMENTS OF U.S. FEDERAL AVIATION REGULATIONS. HOST GOVERNMENT IS FULLY BEHIND THE PASSENGER-SCREENING PROGRAM.

3. ON MINUS SIDE, LOCATION OF AIRPORT TERMINAL OBSERVATION DECK PROVIDES UNSCREENED INDIVIDUALS WITH EASY ACCESS TO PARKED AIRCRAFT, INTERNATIONAL
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AND DOMESTIC. AIRCRAFT WOULD BE RELATIVELY EASY TARGET

FOR GUNFIRE OR EXPLOSIVE ATTACK. IN ADDITION, ANY INDIVIDUAL WITH DIPLOMATIC IDENTIFICATION CAN ENTER TRANSIT LOUNGE WITHOUT UNDERGOING SCREENING PROCEDURES. EXPERIENCE OF EMBASSY PERSONNEL IS THAT DIPLOMATIC IDENTIFICATION IS NOT EXAMINED VERY CAREFULLY. IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR TERRORIST WITH FORGED OR STOLEN IDENTIFICATION TO AVOID SCREENING AND THEN MINGLE WITH SCREENED PASSENGERS IN TRANSIT LOUNGE.

4. WE BELIEVE FOP WOULD BE RESPONSIVE TO OFFER OF FURTHER TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IF DEPARTMENT AND FAA DISCUSSIONS CONCLUDE OFFER IS WARRANTED. SMITH

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